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LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to inform you that the United States contingent of KFOR is building a military base near Urosevac in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, and that KFOR continues to flout its obligations concerning the disarmament of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

The so-called KLA carries out daily attacks on Serbian and other non-Albanian towns and villages, churches, monasteries and cultural monuments in Kosovo and Metohija. Its terrorists continue to move freely, wearing uniforms and carrying arms. KFOR has confiscated only a portion of the small arms and some trophy and non-functional guns, while the preponderance of weapons remains concealed in secret places. Instead of the disarmament of KLA and other Albanian terrorist groups, we are witness to the continued piling up of arms in a sovereign part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). The KLA terrorists' "parade" announced for 19 September is also in direct contravention of the resolution and the military-technical agreement, as well as further proof of the unacceptably tolerant attitude of KFOR towards the terrorist KLA. The holding of the "parade" would be a dangerous provocation against the non-Albanian population and would continue to put pressure on that population to leave Kosovo and Metohija.

On the instructions of my Government I lodge a strong protest against the construction of the military base by the United States contingent of KFOR and the unacceptable attitude towards KLA terrorists. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia requests the Security Council to take clear positions regarding these facts, which are contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and which increase pressure on Serbs and other non-Albanians to leave Kosovo and Metohija.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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